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***GOVERNOR APPOINTS LYNN TO
EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH BOARD***

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has announced the appointment of Steven W. Lynn to the Early Childhood Development and Health Board. The board was created last year with the passage of Proposition 203. Lynn's appointment is subject to Senate approval.

"Steve has been an active participant in my early childhood agenda from the start, and understands the link between what the School Readiness Board started and what the Early Childhood Development and Health Board is now doing," Governor Napolitano said. "He is also a great ambassador to the business community, and recognizes the value of early childhood in building Arizona's human capital."

Lynn is the Vice President for Communications, Government Relations and Information Technology for Unisource Energy Corporation and Tucson Electric Power Co. He served as a member of the State School Readiness Board and also chaired the committee that oversaw the transition of efforts from the School Readiness Board to the Early Childhood Development and Health Board. Lynn currently serves as co-chair of the Arizona Early Education Funds and has also been a board member of the Carondelet Health Network Board since 2005. Previously, he served as chair of the Steele Memorial Children's Research Center Board for the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center.

Lynn joins the eight other appointed members who have served since December, and the three non-voting ex-officio members. He replaces Jack Jewett, who was appointed to the board in December and has since moved out of state. Lynn will fill the second half of Jewett's two-year term, which expires in January 2009, at which time he could be reappointed.

Proposition 203 will fund quality early childhood health and education at the state and local level, building on the five-year plan adopted by the State School Readiness Board and supported by the Governor. In addition to designating statewide dollars, the Board will oversee regional efforts to ensure children throughout the state start school healthy and ready to succeed, thereby strengthening K-12 education in Arizona.

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